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PRESIDENTS, JULY 4th, & BASEBALL

We are not aware of any tokens or medals depicting the hotdog. We become aware however, as we swing into our nation's Bicentennial year, of the many medals and tokens which have helped to preserve the history and memories of patriotic events in our great land. We have observed centennials and other anniversaries. Presidents and other leaders in the nation are portrayed on past issues. Political tokens cause us to go back and study. Civil War tokens reveal the deep feelings within the nation.

Portraits of Washington and Lincoln outnumber those of other leaders of the nation. Many collectors specialize with these. Other leaders are more obscure, but equally as interesting. Several medals were issued for Washington, but are now rare and valuable. The next five presidents, on medals, are almost nil and very rare. For these we must rely on old newspapers and history books.

On our 50th Anniversary in 1826 a so-called dollar was issued in three different metals, showing the eagle and shield, as listed in H&K #2, 3, 4. It was on this July 4th that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, 2nd & 3rd presidents, died on the same day. John Quincy Adams, our 4th president, was in office, and John Adams had lived to see his son as president. Adams was 90 and Jefferson was 83. One hundred years later Jefferson was shown on a medal, in conjoined busts with Napoleon, on the Louisiana Purchase Dollars of 1904, H&K 299-304. Seventh president Andrew Jackson was portrayed years later, in 1896, on the Tennessee Centennial Dollar, H&K 275.

In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, according to an article in Grit Magazine of June 2, 1974, was the greatest baseball team in the land, having won 57 games in a row. A 12-year boy there loved the game and became a powerful hitter. Later a great day came when he was asked to play with the Red Stockings, as catcher, for $800 for the season. His father angrily refused to let him, plus the next day he injured his throwing arm. His name was William Howard Taft. We thank Joseph Curreri for his article in Grit.

In 1876 our nation had a Centennial. One hundred medals, plus varieties, and no doubt unlisted medals, appeared. H&K lists these as #19 thru 118. These include the Official Dollars, Nevada Dollar, GAR, Liberty Bell-Independence Hall, Baptist & Methodist Churches, and the Children of America Dollars, as well as Washington and Lincoln.

Other so-called dollars listed by H&K, or medals, showing our presidents are Grant on #278-279, T. Roosevelt #526, Taft in 1909 on #386-7-8, T. Roosevelt & Wilson #420-21, Wilson #449-50, FDR #495, and Buchanan and Eisenhower in 1959 on H&K 553 to 555.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

#475 Will start with this number next issue.

NEW ADDRESS NEEDED

#434 Frank Bezenah. His April Junk Box was returned.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

ALBERT C BOBROFSKY *6 of Battle Creek was the first member to offer the use of his copies of the 1966-67-68 issues of the Junk Box. Second offer came from NORMAN G PETERSON LM-2 of Big Rapids, and third from RALPH KING *90 of Columbia City Ind who already has supplied C E ZIEGLER LM-8 of Port Huron with the copy he was seeking. Many pages of these earlier issues will supply future reprints, thanks to these folks.

ALICE MOON PENZES *16, long time collector of exonumia and now secretary of Mich-TAMS, was on hand to record minutes at our June 14 meet in Lansing. President DON McKELVEY LM-1 chaired the event.

ARTHUR GOUPEL #452 displayed several cases non-competitively of his Lincoln collectibles at the MSNS show. In one case near the top one ferrotype seemed whiter than others. A second look told why. In the shell rim was Art's own portrait, in his Lincoln garb.

RAY OLSON *95, in his Junk Box "Questions & Answers" Q-3 asked about towns with hyphenated names. A list of several arrived and will be forwarded to Ray.

NORM PETERSON LM-2 in early June attended his son's graduation from West Point, and mailed his Mich-TAMS auction check from there.

RALPH M HINKLE #333, North Muskegon, has beautiful stationery with an early National Currency $5 banknote of Muskegon printed at the top. Your editor owes Ralph an apology for omitting a Junk Box classified dated Feb 1, 1974, on this stationery, which just came to light among some future reference brochures of private mint medals.

NEIL SOWARDS #449 of Fort Wayne Ind is the editor of The Handbook of Check Collecting (1200 printed - price $5), the accepted reference among check collectors. PAUL CUNNINGHAM #426, in a recent mailbid sale, enclosed a centerfold page about this book of Neil's.

CLIFFORD MISHLER, senior editor of Numismatic News Weekly, and our *173, is presently the President of the Wisconsin State Numismatic Ass'n, and was a speaker at the MSNS Convention Koffee Klatch.

PHIL CHILCOTE *45 is chairman of the coming Aug. 2 show of the Oceana Coin & Stamp Club at the Shelby High School.

RALPH WERVE #433, editor of the Ragpicker of the Paper Money Collectors of Mich, will again be chairman of the All Hobbies Show on Oct 4 & 5, at the Saginaw Civic Center, behalf of handicapped children.

BYRON JOHNSON #258, Seattle Wash, past president of national TAMS, is a candidate for ANA Board of Governors, and deserves our support.

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MSNS WOODEN DOLLAR

"It's Time for Youth" made the scene at the Mich State Numismatic Society's 19th Annual Spring Convention, June 14-15, 1975 at the Olds Plaza Hotel in Lansing. A souvenir of the Convention, the 52mm round wooden piece showing the MSNS emblem, data of the event, and WOODEN DOLLAR, also depicts a clock and boldly says on the other side IT'S TIME FOR YOUTH. Initials below the clock are R.S. & P.W. for the youthful designers, Michigan's Young Numismatists' President Russ Stubbert and Vice-President Peter Weiss. This project was funded by Joe Overstreet, Honorary Life Member and Advertising Manager of the Mich-Matist. A wooden dollar may be obtained from MSNS Secretary Florence Schook, PO Box 2014, Livonia Mich 48154, for 25¢ or 3 for 50¢. All proceeds will go into the MSNS Young Numismatist Fund on behalf of Mr. Joe Overstreet.

FARM PICNIC #5

MARIE A JOHNSON, our Mich-TAMS charter member #40, appeared by request just as the Mich-TAMS meeting opened at the Olds Plaza Hotel in Lansing on June 15th, to tell about her farm picnic on Sunday July 27. This has been a popular event, and the weaterman has been most obliging the past 4 summers, as Mich-TAMS folks have gathered on the beautiful spacious farm lawn to buy, sell, swap, visit, and have a scrumptious picnic. The tables & chairs, and the food & paper plates, will be there, but bring your tradin' stuff &/or your spending money.

Go to the traffic light in Clinton Mich, go north from there and follow the signs. Plan to arrive about mid AM.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED - Any token or medal that says paint, varnish, lacquer, navel stores, coatings, etc or refers to the paint industry. Write. Norman C Peterson, R#1 Box 51, Big Rapids Mich 49307.

WANTED - Coal scrip tokens and lumber company tokens. Will pay well for Mich coal tokens. Paul Jensen, Box 271, Ft Thomas Ky 41075. (editor's apologies - this 1974 classified was misplaced until now).

FOR SALE - Ellinee Social Resort maverick tokens from Paw Paw Lake, Mich. Send for price list. Clarence Ziegler, 2705 Grace Road, Port Huron Mich 48060.

GRINDSTONE CITY

The map of lower Michigan is a "mitten." The county at the "tip of the thumb" is Huron County. At that tip is a tiny, but rather famous, town named Grindstone City with 50 people. Our Indiana member RALPH KING #90 has written us that an article about Grindstone City appeared in the Feb or March 1975 Tri-State Trader, PO Box 90, Knightstown Ind 46148.

Another famous town nearby, population of 24 in 1930, is Pointe Aux Barques, where first returns in Presidential Elections, 8 or 9 voters mostly Republican, came from. But Huron County has many other small towns, none with more than 3,000 people as of 1974. Bad Axe, the County Seat, known for its flat wooden nickels in 1935, leads with 2999. Next in size are Harbor Beach, Sebewaing, and Pigeon. Listed in the 1968 zip code directory and the 1974 Mich roadmap are also Port Hope, Port Austin, Ubly, Elkton, Caseville, Bay Port, Owendale, Bach, Ruth, Filion, Kinde, and on the roadmap only (no PO), Parisville, Verona, Rapson, Pinnebog, and Huron City. On earlier roadmaps, but not now, were Linkville, Kilmanagh, Rescue, Ivanhoe, and Helena. Stories or bits of information of any tokens or medals or collectibles from any of these places would be most welcome. Sebewaing did issue in 1953 a flat wooden nickel 5¢ black, as listed in Hartley & Holstine (#18 and #25), HH 53-8.

HERALDRY

An exceptionally nice medal of the Masonic Order, lot #561 in the mailbid auction #12 of JOSEPH LEPCZYK #457 held at the SIN Convention in Los Angeles in April, was sold, came back to Michigan, and has since been resold. The medal of the Phil. St. John's Commandery No. 4 of KT, Jan 3 1871 to constitute H K White, is 45 mm XF, is on a ribbon with the hanger engraved H Kirke White, Detroit Com KT No.1.

When this medal was shown to Merald Clark, an MSU student who delves into medieval history and heraldry, even tho the medal was only in bronze, he stated that he knew what the colors depicted on the shield were. The cross-hatching, or direction of the engraved lines, tells this. On this medal the 3 colors across the top of the shield are green (vert - pronounced vairt) because of the diagonal lines NW to SE, red (gules) with lines both vertical & horizontal, and white or silver (argent) with a blank field. Three colors in the main part of the shield are blue (azure) with horizontal lines, purple (purpure) with diagonal lines NE to SW, and red (gules) with vertical lines. The vertical & horizontal lines mentioned above should be black (sable) instead of red.

On some shields a dotted area would indicate gold (or). The right side of a shield (to the one carrying the shield) is called dexter, and the left side is sinister.

Merald Clark is a son of Editor and Mrs. Chester Clark.

REED CITY CENTENNIAL INC.
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During the week of July 6 - 12 incl, the City of Reed City will be celebrating their 100th Birthday, with a Centennial Celebration.

On Monday July 7th, as a special part of the celebration, we will be holding a coin auction. You, as a member of a Numismatic Organization, may wish to attend.

The coins are pure silver in content, and numbered 1 thru 100. There will be 100 only Commemorative Coins minted. The auctioneer will be Sherry Olin from Sparta, Mich. The time will be 8:00 PM. The place, the Reed City High School Cafetorium.

Please notify any other person or organization that you feel would be interested.

Thanking you, and hoping to see you ~~then~~ on July 7th, I remain,
Very truly yours,
J. JAY WILLIAMS
Pres. of Centennial Corp.

JJW/egb PAID ADV.

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FAY & GERTRUDE

Smith is a common name, but this couple are more than common folks. Whenever you meet them they seem to radiate unusal warmth and friendliness. Fay C Smith, a journalist in Griffith Indiana, and his wife Gertrude appeared at the MSNS Convention in Lansing and attended the Mich-TAMS meeting on Saturday. Fay is member #320. Much of his journalism has been numismatic. A few years ago Fay attended the organizational meeting of the Great Lakes Area Wooden Nickel Society in Pontiac. A recent honor bestowed upon Fay was his appointment to the United States 1975 Assay Commission, a duty which he attended to, I believe on Feb 12th. It was Fay & Gertrude who had their souvenir wooden dollar designed by Frank Gasparo, chief engraver of the U.S., a couple of years ago.

For quite sometime this couple have been trying to locate a certain medal, and are appealing to other collectors who might help them locate one. They have one but wish to have another so each of their two sons may have one.

The Medal is one of Crown Point, Indiana, issued in 1959 for the 125th anniversary there. It depicts the County Court House in which Fay & Gertrude obtained their marriage license 40 years ago. If any member has one their address is Box 221, Griffith Ind 46319. The Smiths hope to attend Mario Johnson's picnic for the first time.

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THE JUNK BOX can use more articles, research listings, or just tidbit information on a single item. Do you have a scarce Indian Peace Medal? Who collects apothecary's weights, Bryan money, Hardtime Tokens, GAR Medals, Swiss Shooting Festival talers, or whatever?

Not all CIVIL WAR STORECARD TOKENS were used as one cent pieces, even tho they were usually the size of Indian Head cents. One issued for Wabash Ind says G/F 25 cents, and one purchased by DON THOMS *69 at the MSNS Show, an Indiana piece also, was good for 20 cents.

JOHN CANFIELD #272 who saw a bound volume of all the 1864 daily newspapers of the Detroit Advertiser, at a flea market in Hell in 1974, & failed to buy it, learned that CHESTER CLARK LM-7 had bought it a couple of weeks later. John states that a research of those papers should reveal ads of the businesses in Detroit which issued CW tokens.

ONAWAY MICH issued for their 50th Anniv in 1949 a 32mm bronze medal. This 25¢ G/F shows on the obverse a 2-horse team with a high load of logs in a pine forest, 2 men on the load, and 1 on the ground. This medal also says The Home of Black Lake.

A US CENTENNIAL ITEM, found among a common lot of Washington medals, is most unusual. A brass shell, with Washington in high relief, 30mm, has a flat tin back with handmade pin and jeweler's screw. Around the portrait is G. Washington (on the left) and 1776-1876 (right). This was made before the pinback button with spring wire ring came in 1896.

BRISTOL SHUTES of the Kalamazoo Coin Club brought with him to the MSNS Show, to have evaluated for a friend, a brass trade token, G/F 5¢, Albert Doll - Kalamazoo. Questions in the bourse room revealed that MARIE JOHNSON *40 had never seen one, and RAY OLSON *95 had seen only one other one - the one in his collection.

The JOHN D LARKIN store in 1925 issued a beautiful brass 50th Anniv 39mm piece. Larkin's portrait faces left on the obverse, and large store buildings adorn the reverse. At the MSNS koffee klatch the question was raised in a conversation with WILMA DEAN ROETHKE *83, where - in what city was this store located? Does anyone know?

NORMAN PETERSON LM-2, on the way to the Lansing meeting "stopped at a favorite haunt and found a jewel." It is a trade token from Mori for 1/8 Cord. Norm was told it is from Mich. Could this be connected with Morey in Missaukee County. Anyone know?

AUGUST CENTENNIALS in Michigan will be, per C E ZIEGLER LM-8, the Gladwin County Centennial on Aug 3 to 9, the Calumet Centennial in the UP from Aug 3 to 10, and Otsego County (celebrated county-wide) from Aug 17 to 23.

The portrait of JOHN TYLER appears on a medal dated 1841, a very nice bronze piece sold from the bourse table of JACK E CARMAN *68 of Elkhart Ind. This is not listed in political tokens, but of course John Tyler never ran for President. He became Pres. upon the death of a Pres. Is this piece then listed anywhere?

RALPH KING *90 has mailed us the results of his mailbid auction in the April Junk Box. Not too much action, Ralph states, but he acquired 7 tokens for his collection. Seven lots were traded, ten received no bid, and the other 12 sold as follows: #3-$4, 5-$2.10, 6-$3, 9-$1.60, 16-$2.10, 18-$4, 19-$3, 22-$1.10, 23-$1.10, 24-$1.30, and 26-$1.10.

MARION HOBBY CLUB, in Ohio, mentioned in the April Junk Box as having issued in 1934, a wooden 10¢ shinplaster, has received a comment from Clarence Ziegler of Port Huron. It seems the former Sec'y of that Club, E F Schwem, has now been a long time resident of Port Huron, owns a store opposite a school there - sells rubber stamps, coins & stamps, candy, popcorn, and novelties. Clarence owns 2 of the Marion shinplasters #2198 & 2416.

ED FOOR is a name often seen among maverick trade tokens in our area. Recently Clarence Ziegler has researched via phone calls, starting with Chelsea, families in Ann Arbor, 6 other Mich towns, & believes BRYAN OHIO now to be correct - an Ed Foor restaurant there.

MAIL BID #2

Rules: July 23 is the latest date bids will be received.
Bid by lot number, the amount you are willing to pay.
If minimum bid is stated you must bid at least that amount.
Earliest postmark will get a tie bid.
Mail bids to editor, Chester F. Clark, 3367 Jewell Road, Howell Mich 48843.

Lot #

1 Lucky Penny, 1972 Unc cent, Iron Mountain - Kingsford (Mich) Community Federal Credit Union, minimum $1.

2 TT, C M Christiansen Co, Phelps Wisc G/F $1-50¢-25¢ round alum 3 pcs, minimum $2, nice, obsolete.

3 Horse & Buggy Days, Weyauwega Wisc (tiny town), wood nickel for ea year 1970-71-72, 3 pcs mint condition, minimum $2.50.

4 Labor Day Celebration 1971, Florence Wisc, set of 3 encased in horseshoe Lincoln cent keychains, 1971-71D-71S, all BU.

5 TT, G/F 20¢ in trade, The Rail Post, Iron Mtn Mich, white on 8-scallop blue plastic, mint condition. Business burned out.

6 TT, G/F One 15¢ drink//The Last Chance/Bobbie & Joe/Vulcan St/ Iron Mountain/Mich, white on black plastic, 8-scallop.

7 TT, Joey J's, Niagara Wisc, 2 brass pcs both BU, G/F 40¢, G/F 15¢.

8 TT, Opal & Harry's, Spread Eagle Wisc (only 30 pop. 1937), G/F 15¢ in Trade, BU 1" round aluminum.

9 TT, Bruno's Bar, Florence Wisc (no longer Bruno's), 2 pcs BU round aluminum G/F 25¢-10¢ in trade.

10 TT, Tom & Jo's Bar, Aurora Wisc (130 people 1919), black on 29mm square white plastic, G/F 20¢ in drinks, AU

11 TT, Dully's Den, Aurora Wisc, G/F 45¢ in drinks, green plastic 8-scallop BU.

12 Oldie pinback 45mm, Make a Noise Like Boydell Paints (can of paint), Detroit, w/50mm goldbug clicker, it works. Min $2.

13 Elongated 1906 cent, BPOE Convention Detroit 1910 Lucky Cent, MIC-det-1, a beauty, minimum $15.00.

14 CWSC, Antisdel & Hills, Blindbury's Hotel, Detroit. Mich #225D-2a, R9, minimum $10. EF.

15 CWSC, Goodrich & Gay, Grand Rapids. Mich #370D-3b, R9, min.$10.

16 CWSC, Jackson Hall, Jackson. Mich #525C-3a, R9, EF, min. $10.

17 CWSC, Morris & Messinger, Pontiac. Mich #770B-2b, R8 EF, min$7.50

18 Fenton Mich 1934, 1st issue of state, 3 pc set flat wood nickels, 5¢-10¢-25¢, minimum $15.00.

19 Unusual political card, pure copper 104mm x 70mm sheet, William C Birk for State Senator, born in copper country. Reportedly used in 1930's in Hough ton County, minimum $8.

20 CWSC, Davies & Maxwell, West Unity Ohio #930A, R4, good, Min.$2.50

21 Amusement tokens, 7 diff, all brass, incl Robbin & Robbin.

22 TT, Mansfield Ohio, 6-point star cutout, G/F 5¢ in T, 21mm round.

23 Fenton Mich 125th Anniv 1959 round brass BU 32mm G/F 50¢.

24 Kalamazoo 125th 1968 round 32mm BU pewter or WM.

25 Mt Rainier Nat Park copper fob w/loop 27 mm. Large bear obverse.

26 Ferry token, Istanbul (Turkey), Ogrenci, 24 mm brass.

27 Trans token, Chi So Bend & No Ind Ry, G/F 1 fare, star cutout.

28 Advertising mirror 4½" celluloid, Acme Paints & Varnishes, Detroit black & red on yellow, mirror is spotted.

29 Fairview (Pa.) Centennial pinback Shaver's Permit 2¼" Aug 1968

30 TOREX 1970 adv rd alum 41mm by Coin World Sidney O, and Pa. Fish Comm Fight for Clean Water 32mm rd alum, 2 pcs AU.

31 Parking token, Blodgett Memorial Hosp (Gd Rapids) 25mm Ni. Min$1.

32 Parking token, South Campus MCCC, Warren Mich, 25mm rd AU. Min$1
33 Souvenir Check, Elks Fair, Bay City 1913, G/F 10¢ rd brass 26mm. Min $1
34 TT, Brown's Tavern, Laingsburg Mich, 2 var rd brass G/F 10¢, 2pcs. Min$1
35 Trans tokens, City of Lansing (Mich) 2 diff plastic, one octagonal white on red, one 8-scallop white on blue, both BU. Min $1.
36 TT, Pat & Larry's 20mm rd brass, and Larry's Stag Lunch 22mm rd brass, both 332 N Washington Ave, Lansing Mich, both G/F 10¢. Min$1
37 Elongated Cent, 1939 New York World's Fair, World of Tomorrow. Min$1
38 Elongated Cent, 1933 Chicago World's Fair, Skyway Towers, min $1.
39 Elongated Cent, 1933 Chicago World's Fair, Republic of China, min$1.
40 OPA tokens, 12 diff (10 red & 2 blue), nice condition, min $1.
41 Brass medal, NRA Junior Rifle Corps, crossed rifles, 30mm, nice.
42 Keychain fob, oblong brass w/loop, Interstate Life & Accident Home Office, Chattanooga, Tenn (1960).
43 50th Anniv, Fannin County Bank, Blue Ridge Ga 1966, round antique bronze keychain fob, irregular edge, 909 C/S on rev; BU.
44 Bank token, appears earlier one, State Bank of Chicago, 21mm brass.
45 Good Luck token, Strombecker Racing, Lucky Racer 22, 32mm alum BU.
46 Large TT, Alaska 1962 G/F $1, Alaska Boosters Souvenir Money w/ totem pole & moose, a BU beauty golden color 39mm.
47 Good Luck advertising brass 32mm token, Worcester Iodized Salt, swastika & good luck emblems, Don't Worry Club.
48 TT, Pete's Tavern, Minonk Ill, early oblong aluminum G/F 2½¢ on bottle beer, 19mm x 38mm, beaded borders, fine.
49 Advertising token, Camel Cigarettes, Highly Valued All Over the World. 1957, camel obverse, 29mm BU brass, reeded edge.
50 Award token, Gates Mystery Car Winner 1967 on obverse showing car w/hood raised, 2 men. Rev, shield emblem, 39mm, nickel BU.
51 Commem token, The Ironclads, Merrimac & Monitor, story on reverse about most famous naval encounter, 34mm nickel. AU.
52 Sesquicentennial antique bronze 35mm, Amherst NY 1968, eagle, BU.
53 Perry Sesqui. Erie Pa 1963 w/portrait, 34mm copper AU.
54 Memorial, Dr Martin Luth er King Jr, 1968, 2 pcs alike except 1 is gold aluminum, 1 silver alum., portrait facing, 40mm, both BU.
55 Bob Feller, w/portrait facing, 1966, 30th Anniv of his 1st major league game, 40mm aluminum AU.
56 Indiana Sesqui. 1966, antique bronze, state seal of 1816, BU, 40mm
57 60th Year, Kalif Temple, Cody Wyo, Kefar, Cody Shrine Club, 1967, 39mm brass BU.
58 75th Anniv Souvenir Half Dollar, New Kensington Pa 1966, 36mm alum BU.
59 Trade Dollar, Seattle's World Fair 1962, heavy brass 40mm BU.

End of this Sale

RESULTS OF FIRST AUCTION

Our first auction was good for a starter. The variety was there. The quality was there. The bidders were too few, but the bids on 19 lots sold were for the most part very good. Lots receiving no bids, and returned to the consignors, were 2, 6, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, and 27. Prices realized, and all paid for, were on lot #1-$4.05, #3-$3.05, 4-$2, 5-$1.12, 7-$2.10, 8-$2.10, 9-$1.60, 10-$1.80, 12-$1.00, 13-$3.50, 15-$3.50, 17-$2.50, 18-$1.50, 19-$2.50, 20-$1.00, 24-$1.16, 28-$2.05, 29-$1.00, 30-$2.55.

Study the above 59 lots just listed in our second auction. You may miss the boat on some item or items by procrastinating. It is better than average material.

For our third auction send in 5 or 10 lots to reach the editor by September 27th. State a minimum bid on the lot or lots you wish.